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Zeal without knowledge is like expedition to man in the dark.—John Newton.

TIPS FROM THE OUT GOING SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Eben Low, out of two years' experience as chairman of the ways and means committee of the board, declares that the present method of handling the budgets is wrong. He says that the board, following the plan another board had crystallized into tradition, makes up an appropriation for any period on the basis of the previous period, and, moreover, begins appropriating before it knows definitely what its revenues are to be. Mr. Low says that the new board should not make an appropriation, except those absolutely necessary, until after the end of next January, when it can secure from the tax office some exact figures on assessments and the municipal income from tax sources.

The present board's tribulations have certainly ripened the experience of the members, and the warning of Chairman Low should be heeded by the incoming board. The majority of the supervisors who go out of office at the end of this month have furnished a sorry spectacle by their floundering in city finances. A week ago one member of the board announced confidently that the city would have something like \$4,000 in unexpended balances this month. Last night the supervisors learned with distress that the city will have a \$6,000 deficit unless it can get the territory to turn over some school moneys, which is so unlikely as to be almost mythical.

A system under which the supervisors know not where they stand financially ought to be sent to the scrap-heap. Chairman Low points out that the board has been given only \$541,000 from tax moneys instead of the \$560,000 expected, the tax moneys instead of the \$560,000 expected. The city fathers have been working on an "anticipated basis." These are all good things to know, though the knowledge is coming somewhat late. The new board ought to start business with its eyes open. Anyway, this setting on a contingency is pretty poor sort of financial system for a municipality of more than 80,000 people in the year 1912.

REPUBLICANS CASTING AROUND

The Republican party on the mainland is on a still-hunt for a Moses to lead the Children out of the Wilderness, and Governor Hadley of Missouri is trying to make a noise like that Moses. In fact, the noise he is making sounds more substantial than anything of recent months.

Hadley is the brilliant young lawyer whose star shone so brightly—and briefly—at the Republican national convention in Chicago last June. Some day the inside story of that convention will be told by one of the half-dozen men who can tell it. One of them is Roosevelt. Another is Senator Dixon of Montana. Congressman McKinley, Taft's manager, is a third. Senator Root is another. The story will involve an offer made to Hadley to accept the Republican nomination, an offer said to have come from the councils of the stand-pat Taft leaders.

Those who remember the stormy days of that convention will recall the attempt made to stampede the delegates for Hadley. What prevented the success of the movement has never been known outside of the few men most intimately concerned. The popular story is that Hadley accepted the nomination conditional upon Roosevelt's assent,—for Hadley up to that hour had been Roosevelt's floor leader—and that Roosevelt refused to release his young lieutenant and refused to take the back seat himself. There was an hour when the nomination of Hadley could have coalesced that fighting group of Progressives and the grim but despairing "old guard." The hour passed. Hadley swallowed a pill so bitter that thenceforth he took no further part in the convention, and Taft was nominated.

Hadley stayed with the Republican party, making a brilliant fight in Missouri during the recent campaign. He is a born leader of men, a magnetic speaker, aggressive of personality and a good politician. It is not at all surprising that Republican leaders are turning to him.

Of course there will be talk in "administration circles" that Taft will set to work at once to "rehabilitate the party," but it is doubtful if Taft will seriously try it, and still more doubtful if he would succeed. Taft has not the confidence of the country. The Republican voters at

large are not willing to accept the domination of the little group of stand-patters who have ruled for sixteen years, and Taft has been too close to this group, too much under its influence, to regain the confidence of his party in a few months.

Hadley may not be big enough for the job. He may break under the strain, even as broke that sterling Progressive, LaFollette. He may not be unselfish enough, high-minded enough, far-seeing enough. The next few months ought to test his mettle. The work of rebuilding the party has begun, it is evident, and the man who will emerge as master-mason is the man whose eyes will not be clouded by the dust of the debris and who knows that in victory or defeat the fundamental principles of the Republican party are the logical foundations for consistent progress in this Republic. Hadley seems a good deal the sort of practical idealist that is needed. The question is, Does he measure up to the man's size of the job? and that question cannot be answered from his comparatively brief career in public life.

POOR PUBLIC POLICY

Certain of the newly-elected Democratic supervisors are credited with a plan to raise the day-wages of municipal laborers from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day. This is all very well for the laborers, but how about the rest of the community?

One of the chief complaints against the present structure of city and county government is that a disproportionate amount goes out in overhead charges, of which amount salaries and wages cut a big figure. Now it is proposed to increase these overhead charges,—without any assurance of better work done or more work done. In fact, there would be no more work done for two dollars a day than for a dollar and a half. In either case the same men would do the work,—those men being the Democratic retainers and party faithfuls.

The present board of supervisors is going out of office with the treasury empty. Only by some deft handling of figures and by failing to carry out some appropriation resolutions can the board avoid leaving a deficit of several thousands. And the last two years have been prosperous ones for Honolulu. Tax moneys have been plentiful. The city has received a vast sum from assessments. According to some predictions, certain assessed valuations will be lower for next year, and the city will get a correspondingly less amount of revenue from this source. Meanwhile, public improvements are lagging, and many sections of the city are clamoring for streets and sidewalks and electric lights and other modern civic necessities.

The needs of the city are on the increase; the revenues are not unlikely to decrease for a short period. Is there a supervisor who can now justify, or will be able to justify two years from now, an increase in municipal wages? The truth is that the plan is born of political scheming and it deserves no consideration, except enough to see it killed. The Star-Bulletin understands that not all of the Democratic supervisors favor it, that so far it is merely tentative with one or two. That is plenty far enough for it to get.

A FAIR ON TIME

"Ready on the opening day" is the chief thought of the directors of the Panama-Pacific exposition just now, and from the way that things are being rushed there is every prospect of success.

According to those who have returned to the islands of late, and were visitors to the fair grounds while on the coast, the exposition work is advancing rapidly. There is nothing quite so disappointing to visitors, who have traveled perhaps thousands of miles to be present on "Opening Day" as to find half of the exposition buildings and grounds still in the hands of the workmen. That is exactly what San Francisco is going to avoid.

Following the example of the builder of the Panama Canal, the Coast metropolis is determined to break the record in construction and preparedness.

President-elect Woodrow Wilson might as well make up his mind to like the White House. He'll have to spend some time there.

About the best thing the Bull Moosers do now is to hold conventions and talk about it.

Philippine independence is still far in the future—as it should be.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ALEXANDER YOUNG—If you will show me the cause of the high cost of living, I will show you the remedy for it.

E. S. CUNHA—In the old days three men in conversation gave sufficient ground for suspicion of a new conspiracy. Glory be, those days are gone.

CAPT. JAMES SHEAHAN—They say there is no quartz in these islands. Look at this. [Hands out piece of quartz that looks a little like rotten Italian marble.] I got several specimens like this over at Waimanalo. It is so hard an emery wheel cannot touch it.

HARBORMASTER FOSTER—I have come pretty near handling everything that has come to this port since I took the office, but that "Santa Claus" Fleet coming into Port," published by the Star-Bulletin, has made me execute the turkey trot, jelly wobble and crab crawl, all in one movement, to find wharf space for them.

M'DUFFIE ARRESTS CHONG, WHO HAS CONFESSED

Tai Chong, charged with having made away with funds from the First American Savings & Trust Company, was turned over to the custody of Chief of Detectives Arthur McDuffie upon the arrival of that officer at the Japanese port of Kobe.

The Kobe, Japan, police effected the arrest of Chong according to advice received by the local police yesterday afternoon with the arrival of the Pacific Mail liner Korea.

The story of the arrest, received here is to the effect that as a second class passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Siberia, Chong had assumed a false name. A careful inquiry conducted by the Kobe police, resulted in the well known Chinese theatrical man and bank employee admitting his identity and it is also stated that he confessed his crime.

According to Chong's confession he stole \$40,000 from the Honolulu Bank and spent it for purchasing cinematograph films in Honolulu and had already sent them to China. He had in his possession about \$1,000 at the time of his arrest.

On arrival at Yokohama, McDuffie, armed with letters of introduction and other important papers, called at the office of the water police, where he requested assistance from officers in passing through the necessary formalities with the Kobe police, who then held Chong a prisoner.

Chief Okada, to whom McDuffie held a letter from Sheriff Jarrett, explained the shipping of Chong through Yokohama by saying:

"Some people blame the Japanese authorities in that they should have held Chong at the time of his arrival in Yokohama, but there was no blunder on our part. If the Japanese Court had received an official application from America at that time the Court might certainly have complied with the request; but they did not receive the warrant for Chong's arrest till a few hours after the Siberia left Yokohama for Hongkong. Mr. McDuffie also admits the defectiveness of the application for the arrest of Chong and on leaving Honolulu by the steamer China, he said he requested Governor Frear to carry through the proper formalities with the Japanese authorities, but it was too late."

It is said that a few hours after the Siberia left Yokohama for Hongkong, the Minister of Justice in Tokyo received an official request from the American Embassy here and the matter was at once communicated to the Kobe Police.

YOUNGSTER DIES

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resorted to every aid known to medical science with a view of saving even prolonging the life of the little boy.

Within three hours following the deluge of boiling hot water, the child died as a result of terrible burns on the shoulders and upper portion of the body.

Miller, soon after became violent. He is alleged to have made several attempts to end his life. P. H. Burnett, a well known Honolulu man, who with Mrs. Burnette was a passenger in the liner from Japan to the Hawaiian Islands, is said on one occasion to have prevented Miller from committing suicide.

From that time until Honolulu was reached late yesterday afternoon Miller was placed under strict guard. He

PERSONALITIES

GEO. I. RUDDOCK of San Francisco is in the city for a visit.

THOS. B. FARR, doing business at Loe, is a visitor to the city on business.

MR. AND MRS. E. A. KLYCE from Seattle are visitors to the islands. They will go to the Volcano this week.

MRS. EMMA WEST will return to her home in Cleveland in the near future. She has been visiting with her son, Dr. T. J. West, at the Makawili Hospital on Kauai.

MR. AND MRS. J. H. PARRENT, residents of Los Angeles are here for a short stay. The volcano will receive a visit from them before they return to the coast.

MR. AND MRS. F. C. PATERSON of Winnipeg and Brandon, Manitoba, are spending the Christmas holidays in Honolulu at the Seaside Hotel, and are accompanied by their daughter Miss Florence Paterson.

MR. AND MRS. D. L. MAY and child, Honolulu, P. S. Cook, wife and son, Bellingham, Wash., Mrs. Alfred Brooke and daughter Miss Elsa N. Brooke, Philadelphia, Pa., are registered at the Plantation Hotel.

every movement was watched either by volunteers from among the passengers or by officers in the ship.

Both Miller as well as his wife were well-nigh crazed over the catastrophe. The child was buried at sea, Captain Nelson commander of the Korea officiating.

The tragic death of the little fellow, who as one officer declared yesterday, had proved a little ray of sunshine on a rather cloudy passage across the Pacific, served to cast a decided spell of gloom over the entire company of trans-Pacific travelers.

When the Korea sailed from Alakea wharf for San Francisco this morning the grief stricken father was said to be in a pretty bad way. At one time it was thought advisable to remove him to shore. A later examination of the patient, determined the officers as well as port officials that no time should be lost in his reaching the coast.

One of the peculiar incidents connected with this voyage of the Korea was that while one death occurred, a little mite of humanity was added to the list of passengers, in the birth of a child to Chinese parents. The little fellow made his initial appearance at a time the Korea came in sight of the Hawaiian Islands. The Chinese woman was a steerage passenger.

AUTOS NEED NOT FEAR PUNCTURES

What promises to be one of the biggest blessings to automobile owners here is the introduction by the Royal Hawaiian Garage of a puncture-proof preparation that prevents punctures absolutely and carries with it a guarantee to be all that is claimed for it. Manager Wells of the Royal Hawaiian Garage, which has the sole agency for the territory, in speaking of the preparation said, "This puncture-proof preparation is a powdered substance which is placed in a gun and mixed with water and pumped into the inner tube, and puncture troubles are at an end."

"I was persuaded to take the agency of this preparation on the say-so of one of our prominent citizens who saw it demonstrated on the coast. Four hundred nails were driven into a tire and yet the tube was punctureless. Demonstrations will be cheerfully given at the Royal Hawaiian Garage."

DO IT NOW!

Good Christmas day, is on the way. With banner sugar crop. Make out your list. (See none are missed). And then go out and shop.

A Chinese syndicate with headquarters in Ipoh, Federated Malay States, and ramifications throughout Malaya, is reported to have obtained a mining concession to prospect for all kinds of minerals over the entire province of Hokien for the space of 50 years. The capital is \$1,000,000. The prospectors sent up to China one year ago have, it is stated, returned with rich samples of silver ore, and others are now proceeding to Ipoh to verify the reports. A meeting of Chinese interested in the scheme took place at Ipoh.

Mrs. Aimee Given, divorcee and Chicago society woman, who eloped the other day with the man she believed to be the son of Marshall Kirkman, former president of the Northwestern Railroad, has just learned that her husband is Kirkman's valet instead of his heir.

More than 100 persons are reported killed in the coast towns of Palanca y the hurricane and tidal wave.

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